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PROBLEMS OF COMMUTERS OF LOCAL TRAINS IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are operating local trains in Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether any effort has been made to find out the woes of the commuters there; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken by the Railways to address these woes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. To cope up with the problems being faced by commuters in Mumbai, Railways are regularly increasing the frequency of suburban trains and converting the 9-Car EMU trains into 12-Car EMU trains in Mumbai area.

The Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra both have already taken steps to revamp the Mumbai Suburban Railway System through implementation of Rail Component of Multi-Modal Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP). The main objectives behind this system are as under :
(i) to bring down the over crowding on peak hour peak direction 9-Car train to 3000 passengers as against existing around 5000 and
(ii) segregate the suburban train operation from the main line passenger and freight services.

Multi-Modal Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) Phase-I was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 3125.20 crores. The benefits which MUTP Phase-I is providing are as follows :-
(i) 550 new trains ? 25% increase in total trains per day.
(ii) On fast line, all trains will be of 12-Cars. On slow line. 20% of trains will be of 12-Cars.
(iii) Vehicle Kms. per day will increase by 33 %
(iv) Over crowding during peak hours peak direction will come down from existing over 5000 commuters to 3600 commuters per 9-Car rake.